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Mr. William F. Caton Acting Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: MM Docket No. 95-175

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Dear Mr. Caton

Transmitted herewith, on behalf of Diamond Broadcasting, Inc., licensee of Stations KOMA(AM), KOMA-FM and KRXO(FM), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, are the original and four (4) copies of its Comments in the above referenced proceeding.

Very truly yours

Stanley S. Neustadt

**Enclosures** 

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#### **BEFORE THE**

# Federal Communications Commission

In the Matter of	)	
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b),	)	MM Docket No. 95-175
Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations.	)	RM-8707
(Ada, Newcastle and Watonga, Oklahoma)	)	
	)	
To: Chief, Mass Media Bureau	)	

#### COMMENTS OF DIAMOND BROADCASTING, INC.

Diamond Broadcasting, Inc. ("Diamond"), licensee of Stations KOMA(AM), KOMA-FM and KRXO(FM), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, by its attorneys and pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.420 of the Commission's Rules, hereby submits its comments with respect to the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Order to Show Cause (DA95-2367), released December 6, 1995, in the above-captioned proceeding concerning a proposal of Tyler Broadcasting Corporation ("Petitioner"), licensee<sup>1/2</sup> of FM Broadcast Station KTLS, Ada, Oklahoma, to reallot Channel 227C1 from Ada to Newcastle, Oklahoma for use by KTLS (and modify the license of KTLS to specify Newcastle as its community of license) and, in order to accommodate such reallotment, substitute

The Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making indicates that an assignment of license application (File No. BALH-950609GO), granted August 8, 1995, approving Petitioner's acquisition of Station KTLS had not yet been consummated. In fact, the Commission's records indicate that the assignment of license did indeed occur on September 29, 1995, and apply records.

Channel 230A for Channel 228A to Watonga, Oklahoma for use by Station KIMY. Diamond opposes Petitioner's reallocation request, and, in support of such opposition, sets forth the following.

#### **Background**

1. Ada, Oklahoma (1990 population 15,800) presently receives local aural service from three full time radio stations, KADA(AM), KADA-FM and KTLS, whereas Newcastle, Oklahoma (1990 population 4,214) does not have a local aural broadcast service allocation. A staff engineering analysis of Petitioner's proposal indicates that the allotment of Channel 227C1 to Newcastle would result in a population gain of 777,961 persons within an 11,888 sq. km area with a loss in service to 100,387 persons within a 10,758 sq. km area; the lost service area will continue to receive at least three full time radio services and, in most instances, at least five full time services. Because the proposed reallotment would result in Station KTLS providing a city grade (70 dBu) signal over 50 percent or more of the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma urbanized area, Commission policy requires that Newcastle be treated as if it were part of the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma urbanized area and Petitioner must demonstrate that Newcastle warrants a first local service preference under such circumstances.

#### **Discussion**

2. Diamond submits that Petitioner's proposal does not warrant a first local service preference but, rather, should be treated as if it will bring another broadcast service to the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma urbanized area, which is already well served by a multitude of aural broadcast stations. Indeed, the fact that the proposed reallotment would result in such a large gain area is indicative of the fact that the present allotment is licensed to Ada, a rural area, whereas Newcastle

is contiguous to the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma authorized area. Newcastle is located approximately 60 miles west northwest of Ada and 15 miles south of Oklahoma City (1990 population 444,719); Newcastle is outside, but contiguous to, the Oklahoma City urbanized area, but within the Oklahoma City MSA. Accordingly, the population of Newcastle is less than 1 percent (0.9%) of the population of Oklahoma City or, conversely, the population of Oklahoma City is more than 105 times that of Newcastle. Diamond knows of no case in which the Commission has permitted a reallotment where there would be such a disproportionate comparison. See, e.g., FM Channel Assignments, 6 FCC Rcd 6580, 70 RR2d 182 (Mass Media Bureau 1991), where such a reallotment of a Class C1 channel to Sandy Springs, Georgia, contiguous to Atlanta and one-sixth the size of Atlanta in population, was denied. See, also Headland, Alabama and Chattahoochee, Florida, 10 FCC Rcd 10352 (1995) (cited by the Commission in the NPRM in the instant case).

3. The proposed reallotment involves a Class C1 channel, intended to provide a wide area regional coverage and not merely local service: a Class C1 station may be operated with a maximum of 100 Kw ERP at 299 meters (981 feet) height above average terrain, producing a 1 mV/m meter contour radius of 72 km. Section 73.211(b) of the Commission's Rules. Indeed, if Channel 227C1 is reallotted to Newcastle, Station KTLS will provide a 70 dBu signal over 95 percent of the Oklahoma City urbanized area. NPRM, para. 5. Essential to Petitioner's proposal is its contention that the reallotment of Channel 227C1 to Newcastle would result in a preferential arrangement of allotments since it would provide Newcastle with a first local aural broadcast service. In fact, the studios and offices of noncommercial educational Station KMSI(FM), Moore, Oklahoma, are located at 1105 North Main Street in Newcastle (see Exhibit 1) and a booklet prepared and

compiled by Century 21 Realtors makes reference to KMSI as a local radio station in Newcastle. See Exhibit 2, page 4. Accordingly, Petitioner's claim that its proposal would bring a first local aural broadcast service to Newcastle would raise form over substance to new heights.

- 4. The Oklahoma City radio market comprises 12 commercial AM stations and 12 commercial FM stations for a total of 24 aural broadcast services. BIA's Radio Yearbook 1995, page 219 (copy attached as Exhibit 2). Accordingly, Newcastle enjoys the reception services of at least 24 aural commercial radio services. Even though there is some evidence that Newcastle enjoys a level of independence from Oklahoma City based on the fact that Newcastle has its own form of city government, a weekly newspaper, schools, fire protection, police, water and sewerage services, nevertheless, the limited number of businesses located within Newcastle, the fact that it has no major public hospital, telephone directory or public transportation system, creates a presumption of interdependence based on Newcastle's proximity to Oklahoma City. See, e.g., RKO General, Inc., 5 FCC Rcd 3222, 67 RR2d 1428 (1990). The fact that the proposed reallotment to Newcastle would result in a net gain of 677,574 people is not dispositive because this merely reflects the fact that the channel is currently allocated to a rural community whereas Newcastle is contiguous to the Oklahoma City urbanized area. See, FM Channel Assignments, 10 FCC Rcd 3337, 78 RR2d 1128 (1995).
- 5. Absent the first local aural service preference claimed by Petitioner, there is no public interest justification to provide Newcastle and Oklahoma City with a 25th aural broadcast service and Petitioner's proposal must be viewed in that light. Such a result would be inconsistent with the goals of Section 307(b) of the Communication's Act and would encourage the migration of rural

stations to urban areas in a manner which would be inconsistent with the public interest.

Accordingly, Diamond opposes the above-captioned reallocation proposal and urges the Commission to deny such request.

Respectfully submitted

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(AM)—May 20, 1962: 1550 khz; 250 w-D. TL: 24 W96 46 30. Box 576 (73446); 6/10 mile N. on 177 (73446). (405) 795-2345. Licensee: Radio Status (1964)

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#### Marlow

LN34 42 30 W98 03 13 (CP: Ant 739 ft.). Stereo. Hrs 14. Box 433, Lawton (73502). (405) 658-9292. FAX: 658-2561. Licensee: Austin Broadcast Services Net: ABC/SMN. Wash atty: Southmayd & Miller. Forcountry. Target aud: 25-55. Spec prog: Gospel 4 wky. ■ K.D. Austin, pres & gen mgr; Sherry Lynn. 16 mgr; Jeff Southland, progmg dir; James Wilson.

#### **McAlester**

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CO(FM)—Co-owned with KNED(AM). November 5:101.3 mhz; 100 kw. Ant 494 ft. TL: N34 59 13 W95 10. Stereo. (918). 426-1050. Net: Moody. Format: W. Sheila Turnbow, gen sis mgr; Tom Dolph, news

IMC(AM)—Mar 3, 1946; 1400 khz; 1 kw-U. TL: N34 700 W95 45 00. Hrs opn: 24. Box 848 (74502); 2020 A81, (74501), (918) 423-1400. FAX: (918) 423-7022. Indeed, Trayne Communications Inc. (acq 3-9-89; 162.500; FTR 2-13-89). Net: USA, ABC/SMN. Formation Country, relg, news/talk. Target aud: 25-55; older. USA, and the work of the will. Indeed, pression of the will. Indeed the will be the work of the will be the work of the will be the will be the will be the work of the will be the

TIMC-FM—June 24, 1987: 104.9 mhz; 1.5 kw. Ant 454
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18) 426-5300. (acq 2-18-89; \$300,000; FTR 2-20-89).
H: NBC, Unistar. Format: Adult contemp. News ong 10 hrs wkly. Target aud: young professionals to age. Spec prog: Gospel 2 hrs, relg 5 hrs wkly.

#### Miami

**W6(AM)**—February 1948: 910 khz; 1 kw-U, DA-1. TL: **53 27** W94 47 00. Hrs opn: 24. Box 1555 (74355); **600 S**. Hwy. 137 (74355). (918) 542-7175; (918) 542-

1818. FAX: (918) 542-1819. Licensee: Eagle Braodcasting Inc. (acq 2-15-91; with co-located FM; FTR 3-11-91). Net: CBN; Brownfield. Wash atty: Latham & Watkins. Format: Relg. News staff one; news progmg 9 hrs wkly. Target aud: General. ■ Terry R. Millikin, gen mgr & gen sis mgr; Robert Suman, progmg dir; Kim Barnes, news dir; Rusty Wynn, chief engr.

KGLC(FM)—Co-owned with KVIS(AM), December 1975: 100.9 mhz; 3.6 kw. Ant 273 ft. TL; N36 53 27 W94 47 01. Stereo. Dups AM 100%, FAX: (918) 542-3301

#### **Midwest City**

KTLV(AM)—April 1973: 1220 khz: 250 w-D, DA. TL: N35 23 50 W97 27 04. 3336 S.E. 67th St., Oklahoma City (73135). (405) 672-1220; (405) 672-3886. FAX: (405) 672-5858. Licensee: First Choice Broadcasting Inc. (acq 6-19-92). Format: Black Christian, Sp. Target aud: 24 plus. ■ Dale Williams, pres. gen mgr & progmg dir.

#### Moore

\*KMSI(FM)—Mar 26, 1991; 88.1 mnz; 30 kw-vert. Ant 597 ft. TL; N35 12 07 W97 35 18. Stereo. Hrs opn: 20. Box 1924, Tulsa (74101); 1105 N. Main, New Castle (73065). (405) 387-3688. Licensee: Creative Educational Media Corp Inc. Format: Positive easy gospel. Target aud: General. Spec prog: Talk 5 hrs wkly David Ingles, pres; Kim Spence, prom mgr; David Warren, progmg dir; Larry White, engrg dir; Roger King, chief

WWLS(AM)—Sept 26, 1922: 640 khz; 1 kw-U, DA-N, TL: N35 17 21 W97 30 08, 4000 W, Indian Hills Rd. (73069), (405) 360-7000. FAX: (405) 364-1557, Licensee: Fox Broadcasting Co. (acq 1-18-89; SS50,000; FTR 2-6-89), Net: AP, Format: Sports. ■ John Fox, pres & gen mgr. Tony Sellars, opns mgr & progmg dir.

#### Muskogee

KBIX(AM)—May 1, 1936: 1490 khz; 1 kw-U. TL: N35 46 06 W95 21 14. Hrs opn: 24. Box 1269 (74402-1269), (918) 682-1331. FAX: (918) 682-6775. Licensee: D&E Broadcasting Inc. (acq 10-26-93; \$110,000; FTR 11-8-93). Net: MBS; Okla. Radio Net. Format: News/talk, info. News progmg 11 hrs wkly. Target aud: 25-54. ■ Jim Smith, gen mgr; Mick Reed, progmg dir; John Edwards, chief engr.

KHJM(FM)—See Taft.

KHTT(FM)—February 1972: 106.9 mhz; 100 kw. Ant 1.005 ft. TL: N35 51 41 W95 46 03. Stereo. Hrs opn: 24. Suite 711, 7030 S. Yale, Tulsa (74136). (918) 492-2020. FAX: (918) 496-2681. Licensee: Renda Broadcasting Corp. Group owner: Renda Broadcasting Corp. -Renda Radio Inc. (acq 4-15-93; \$1.6 million; FTR 5-3-93). Net: ABC/FM. NBC. Rep: Major Mkt. Format: Hot contemp hit. News staff one; news progmg 10 hrs wkly. Target aud 12-44; teens & young adults. ■ Tony Renda, pres; Pat Bryson, gen mgr; Mark Clark. prom dir; Mike Ring, vp & progmg dir: Kitt Smith, news dir: Dennis Orcutt, chief engr.

KMMY(FM)—Jan 19, 1984: 97.1 mhz; 100 kw. Ant 1,274 ft. TL: N35 17 05 W95 25 26. Stereo. Box 9700 (74402). (918) 682-9700. FAX: (918) 682-6775. Licensee: KMMY Inc. (acq 9-15-93; \$500,000; FTR 10-11-93). Format: Country. News staff one. Target aud: 21-49; middle, upper-middle class. Spec prog: Farm 5 hrs wkly. ■ David Stephens. gen mgr: Phil Shaw, stn mgr.

#### Norman

\*KGOU(FM)—Sept 25, 1970: 106.3 mhz; 3 kw. Ant 300 ft. TL: N35 17 22 W97 21 30. Stereo. Hrs opn: 5 AM-mid-

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night. 780 Van Vleet Oval (73019). (405) 325-3388. FAX: (405) 325-7129. Licensee: University of Oklahoma. Net: NPR. Wash atty: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson. Format: Class. jazz, news. News staff 2: news progng 47 hrs wkly. Target aud: 25-54. Spec prog: Blues 10 hrs, new age 4 hrs wkly. Karen Holp, gen mgr; Jay Childs, opns mgr; Rachel Jacquemain, dev dir; Michael F. Jackson, mus dir; Steve Carmody, news dir; David White, chief engr.

KNOR(AM)—November 1949: 1400 khz; 1 kw-U. TL: N35 13 04 W97 24 37. Hrs opn: 5 AM-midnight (M-F): 6 AM-midnight (S, Su). 2020 E. Alameda (73069). (405) 321-1400. FAX: (405) 321-6820. Licensee: Fox Broadcasting (acq 7-8-92; \$190,000; FTR 7-27-92). Net: ABC/I. NBC; Okla. Radio Net. Wash atty: Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay. Format: Easy contemp. News staff one. Target aud: 25-54; middle-upper class adults. ■ John Fox, pres & gen mgr; Larry Rhodes, chief opns, progmg dir & chief engr; Mike Holt, gen sis mgr & adv mgr; Tony Sellars, prom dir; Jerry Amspacher, news dir.

#### Nowata

KRIG(FM)-Licensed to Nowata. See Bartlesville.

#### Oklahoma City

KATT-FM—Oct 17, 1960: 100.5 mhz; 97 kw. Ant 1,191 ft. TL: N35 35 22 W97 29 03. Stereo. 4045 N.W. 64th (73116). (405) 848-0100. FAX: (405) 843-5288. Licensee: CAT Communications Inc. (acq 6-28-93; FTR 8-2-93). Net: NBC the Source. Format: AOR. ■ Larry Bastida, gen mgr; Tricia York, gen sls mgr; Dan Berg, prom mgr; Chris Baker, progmg dir; Kelly Davis, mus dir.

KBYE(AM)—1946: 890 khz; 1 kw-D. TL: N35 33 59 W97 28 28. Box 20700 (73156). (405) 478-2100. FAX: (405) 478-0199. Licensee: KBYE Inc. (acq 2-4-91; \$315,000; FTR 2-18-91). Format: Relg. ■ Chuck Freny, gen mgr; Virginia LaFara, progmg dir; Bill Gilliand, chief engr.

KEBC(FM)—June 6, 1967: 94.7 mhz; 98 kw. Ant 1,387 ft. TL: N35 32 58 W97 29 50. Stereo. Hrs opn: 24. Box 1000 (73101). (405) 631-7501. FAX: (405) 631-6372. Licensee: Clear Channel Radio Inc. (group owner; acq 1-94; \$7.5 million). Format: Country. News staff one. Target aud: 25-54. ■ L. Lowery Mays, CEO; Mark Mays, chmn; Randall Mays, pres; Herb Hill, CFO; Miles Chandler, vp; Bill Hurley, gen sls mgr; Mike Wahl, mktg mgr; Don Miner, prom mgr: Mike McCoy, progmg dir; Dave Dotson, mus dir; Randy Mullinax, chief engr.

KJYO(FM)-Listing follows KTOK(AM).

KMGL(FM)—Nov 25, 1965: 104.1 mhz; 100 kw. Ant 1,425 ft. TL: N35 32 58 W97 29 18. Stereo. Hrs opn: 24. Box 14818, 1200 E. Britton Rd. (73113). (405) 478-5104. FAX: (405) 478-0448. Licensee: Renda Broadcasting (group owner; acq 4-88). Rep: Eastman. Format: Adult contemp. ■ Tony Renda, pres; Rob Adair, sr vp & gen mgr; Carol Simmons, gen sls mgr; Jeff Roberts, prom mgr; Steve O'Brien, progmg dir; Bob Glover, news dir; Dennis Orcutt, chief engr.

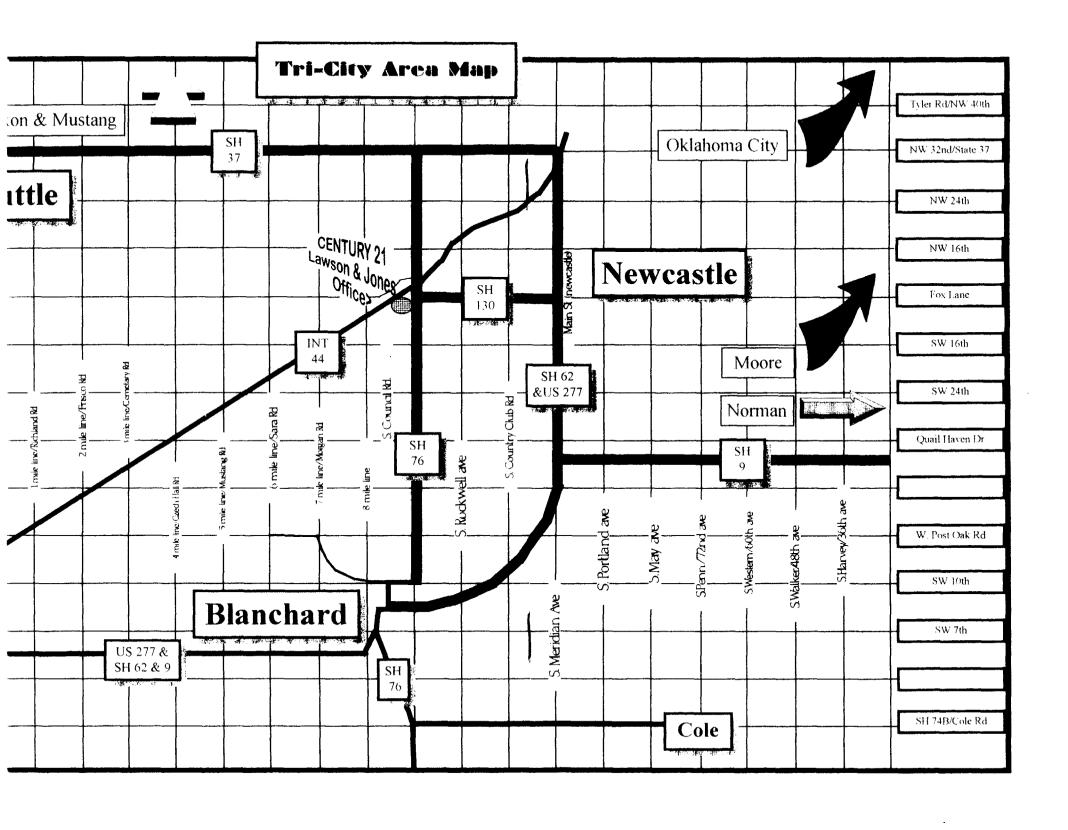
KNTL(FM)—(Bethany). Oct 29, 1965: 104.9 mhz; 3 kw. Ant 299 ft. TL: N35 29 58 W97 37 08. Hrs opn: 24. 2809 N. MacArthur, Oklahoma City (73127). (405) 789-1140. FAX: (405) 789-1289. Licensee: Bott Communications Inc. Group owner: Bott Broadcasting (acq 9-21-94; \$600,000; FTR 11-14-94). Net: AP. Format: Adult contemp. Christian. News progmg 4 hrs wkly. Target aud: 25-54. ■Pat Robertson, chmn; Mike Carter, pres; Tom McCoy, gen mgr; Rick Woodward, gen



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## CITY OF NEWCASTLE COUNTY OF MCCLAIN



## Population

Data from the 1990 population census places the Newcastle population at 4,214. This is an increase of 23.76% from 1980. 18.49% of the population of McClain County resides in Newcastle.

Area	<u>1970</u>	1980	<u>1990</u>	<u>1992 est.</u>
City	1,271	3,076	4,214	4,430
County	14,157	20,291	22,795	23,467
30 mile radius	N/A	N/A	869,800	892,600

# Percent Distribution of the Population by Race and Sex, 1990

In Newcastle, 93 % of the population is White, .09% is Black, 5.81% is Native American, and the remaining 1.1% is comprised of all races.

#### Labor Force

The McClain County labor force was 11,210 in 1993. Participation rate in the county labor force constitutes 74.73% of males and 51.38% of females.

City Labor Force Factor	Male	Female	Total
Civilian Labor Force	469	401	870
Employed	442	383	825
Estimated Labor Availabi- lity within 30 miles	10,810	9,170	19,980

#### Climate

The average January temperature in Newcastle is 47 degrees Fahrenheit with a July temperature average of 81 degrees. The area receives an average of 34 inches of rain annually and 8 inches of snow. The average number of flying days is 338.

#### General Government

Newcastle is a municipality with a city manager. There is a comprehensive city plan and zoning. The city provides garbage services.

## Public Safety

Newcastle has 18 volunteer fire personnel and 14 full-time police officers. The city's fire insurance has an 8 classification while the adjacent area has a 9 classification.

## **Utility Providers**

Utility services are provided primarily by the following carriers:

**Electric-** Oklahoma Electric Coop **Natural Gas-** Oklahoma Natural Gas Co.

Telephone - Pioneer Telephone Cooperative

## Water System

Storage Capacity	Daily Consumption Maximum	Pressure <u>in Mains</u>	Source
Ground: 650,000 GPD	1,000,000 GPD	125 PSI	Wells with 1,500,000
Elevated:1,000,000	150,000 GPD	25 PSI	GPD

## Sanitation and Sewage Treatment

Newcastle has an extended air activated sludge system of treatment.

#### **Sewer Treatment Capacity and Load**

Measurement	Capacity	Present Load
Gallons per day	1,000,000	N/A
Population Equivalent	10,000	N/A

## Express and Motor Freight

More than 10 motor freight companies serve Newcastle on asneeded basis. United Parcel Service, Airborne Express, and Federal Express are also available.

## Distance to Major Cities

Oklahoma City is centrally located in the U.S. The distance from Newcastle to the following cities is:

City	Miles to	City	Miles to
Atlanta	813	Memphis	478
Chicago	794	New Orleans	650
Dallas	196	New York	1,464
Denver	624	Oklahoma City	15
Detroit	1,022	San Francisco	1,653
Houston	431	St. Louis	509
Kansas City	359	Seattle	1,910
Los Angeles	1,351	Tulsa	120

## Air Transportation

The nearest commercial airport, Will Rogers, is 10 miles from Newcastle at Oklahoma City. This airport is a full service field with four runways, the longest having a total runway length of 9,500 feet. There are at least 7 major commercial airlines operating out of Will Rogers. There are 17 air freight companies operating there.

## Water Transportation

The nearest water transportation is the Port of Catoosa. It is 151 miles from Newcastle and has a channel depth of 9 feet. It is connected via the Arkansas River to the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico.

## Road System

Newcastle is located on I-44, and is intersected by SH 62, SH 130, SH 9, and SH 37.

#### Accommodations

The city has 1 motel with 18 rooms. The largest banquet room in Newcastle seats 100.

## Housing

Newcastle has 1,579 dwellings; 85.7% are owner-occupied.

## Places of Worship

Newcastle has 1 Catholic church and 15 Protestant churches.

#### Media

Newcastle has 1 weekly paper, 1 local radio station, and cable television.

#### Tax Structure

Newcastle's property tax rate is \$85.65 per \$1,000.00 assessed value for the year 1993. The fractional assessment percentage for real property is 11%. The property tax is distributed as follows:

City	County	Schools	Other	Total
\$2.37	\$20.50	<b>\$5</b> 3.15	\$9.00	\$85.65

#### **Bond Indebtedness**

 School	City	County
\$605,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$0.00

#### Sales Taxes

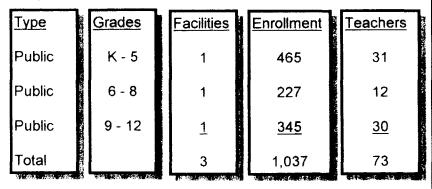
The city has a sales tax rate of 3.0%. In addition, the state levies a 4.5% tax rate on sales. McClain County levies a 1.0% sales tax.

#### Commercial Services

From the city the nearest machine shops and tool and die services are 4 miles. Within the city there is at least 1 electric and motor repair services are 15 miles.

#### Educational Resources

Newcastle has 3 primary and secondary schools with approximately 1,037 students and 73 teachers.



Newcastle is an excellent location to receive the benefits of several fine institutions of higher education. The University of Oklahoma, University of Science and Arts in Chickasha, Rose State College, Oklahoma City University, Hillsdale Freewill Baptist College and Oklahoma State University of OKC are within 35 miles of the community. The Vo-Tech system supports the community via Moore-Norman Vo-Tech, Canadian Valley Vo-Tech and Metro Tech in Oklahoma City. There is a public library in Newcastle with nearly 6,000 volumes

#### **Telecommunications**

Newcastle has 53 miles of fibre optics cable with 3 points of presence available. Of the central offices, 3 have digital switching capability.

#### Financial Institutions

Newcastle has 1 bank with assets totaling \$46,462,000.00.

#### Medical Facilities and Medical Practitioners

There is 1 clinic in Newcastle. Practicing in the Newcastle area are 1 osteopath, 1 chiropractor,1 dentist, and 1 optometrist. The nearest hospital to Newcastle is 10 miles.

## Industrial Financing

The Oklahoma Finance Authority (OFA) provide low interest financing through the issuance of general obligation bonds. The loans are established at 300 basis points over cost. In a first mortgage position, the loan can be up to \$1.25 million. Many Oklahoma counties have voted approval of General Obligation Bonds for economic development. The amount of bonds the county will issue is limited to no more than could be retired by a special tax levy of 5 mills. The proceeds of the bonds are generally used to acquire or build a facility associated with the development project. Lease income from the facility is used to amortize the bonds.

#### Recreational Facilities

The citizens have access to a number of recreational facilities.

	Tennis	Country	Swimming	Golf
<u>Parks</u>	Courts	Clubs	Pools	Courses

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#### Other Attractions

In addition, Newcastle offers a sports complex.

#### **Business**

The employment and establishment data reported in the following table is for McClain County.

It should be noted that this employment data excludes some types of employment, namely government and railroad employment.

Sector	Number of Establishments	Number Employed
Ag. Ser., Forestry, and Fishing*	<u>8</u>	<u>60</u>
Mining *	14	<u>175</u>
Construction	<u>34</u>	<u>214</u>
Manufacturing	14	<u>559</u>
Transp. & Pub. Util.	<u>19</u>	120
Wholesale Trade	<u>19</u>	<u>118</u>
Retail Sales	93	<u>937</u>
Fin. Ins., & Real Estate	<u>23</u>	<u>166</u>
Services	<u>96</u>	432
Total	<u>320</u>	<u>2,781</u>

<sup>\*</sup> Actual Number Employed falls between 20-99 or 100-249

Source: Oklahoma County Business Patterns 1991.

Product/Service
Retail Store
Retail Store
Retail Grocery
Retail Grocery

Mazzio's Pizza Restaurant

Bank of Tuttle Financial Services

F&H USA Inc. Mattress Mfg.

Wesnidge Inc. Furniture Mfg.

Flowboy Trailer Mfg.

Mason Pecan Manufacturer

Riverside Tractor Retail Services

Newcastle Public Schools Education Services

Fleming Ford Auto Dealership

Hardee's Restaurant

USA Waste Management Landfill/Solid Waste

## Local Development Organizations

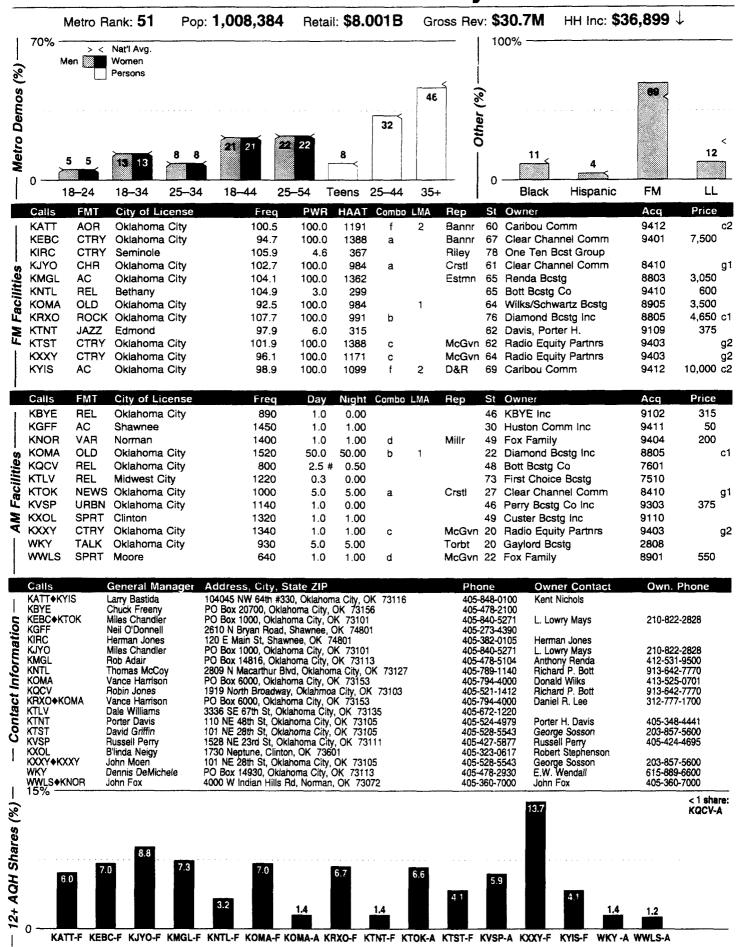
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#### **DECLARATION**

- I, Seth Mason, under penalty of perjury, state as follows:
- 1. I am Executive Vice President of Diamond Broadcasting, Inc.
- 2. I have read the foregoing Comments of Diamond Broadcasting, Inc. and the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated: January <u>26</u>, 1996

Seth Mason

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Jovana M. Cooke, a secretary in the law firm of Cohn and Marks, hereby certify that I have, this 29th day of January, 1996, sent by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, or by hand delivery, as indicated, the foregoing **COMMENTS** to the following:

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